(d) what is the present price of bulk drug and on what price present formulation prices are fixed;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has given price increases on *suo motu* basis; if so, the names of drugs and the extent of price increase allowed to each under DPCO, 1987; and

(f) what are the names of drugs where *suo motu* price reduction was given and to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (f) No, Sir. Of the seven price fixation/revision notifications of bulk drugs issued in March, 1994, the price revision notification issued on 18-3-1994 involved reduction of the price of the bulk drug Iodochloro hydroxyquinoline from Rs. 397 to Rs. 389 per Kg. The notification has not been withdrawn.

Formulations of Ranitidine

3881. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3036 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd December, 1993 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that major formulators of Ranitidine have robbed the consumer to the extent of Rupees hundred crores;

(b) when the prices of formulation were fixed and at what price of bulk drug and what were the earlier prices and present prices of each strength and each pack of formulation; and

(c) what are the names of producers of bulk drugs and production of each since 1987 per year, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No instance of violation of provisions of DPCO, 1987 has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) The prices of following ceiling packs of formulations based on the bulk drug Ranitidine were fixed on 20-6-1988 on the basis of weighted average import price of Rs. 4,396 kg.

	Rs./Ps.
1. Ranitidine HCL Tabs (10's Strips) 150mg.	17.44
2. Ranitidine HCL Tabs (10's Strips) 300mg.	33.84

The bulk drug price of Ranitidine has since been notified at Rs. 1,835 Kg. on 16-3-1994 and the revision of formulation prices accordingly are being processed.

(c) To the extent available, the information regarding the details of production of Ranitidine bulk by major producers since 1987 is annexed.

Statement

Production (tonnes)

Sl. No.	Name of the Producer	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	M/s. Glaxo . .	Nil	17.63	18.01	25.56	19.55	33.10
2.	M/s. Globe Organics	Nil	8.22	30.92	87.78	110.44	123.75
3.	M/s. Ranbaxy Labs.	Nil	7.31	11.68	13.81	8.24	14.84
4.	M/s. Unichem Labs.	Nil	..	..	..	0.43	0.36
	TOTAL .	Nil	33.16	60.61	127.15	138.66	172.05

Ranitidine prices

3882. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item 'Ranitidine price more than halved' which appeared in the Economic Times of 17th March, 1994;

(b) what are the names of two major formulators of this drug, what was their turn over per annum; and

(c) what are the packs and strengths of each formulation marketed by each formulator and what were their earlier and revised prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) To the extent information is available, the two major formulators of Ranitidine are (i) M/s. Glaxo and (ii) M/s. Cadila. The turn over of individual companies are not monitored.

(c) The details asked for are as under :—

	Ceiling Pack	Price (Rs.)	Price fixed on
Ranitidine Tabs. 10's	150 mg	17.44	20-6-88
	300 mg	33.84	

Revision of price of ceiling packs based on bulk drug Ranitidine consequent on the revision of bulk drug price is being processed.

Cost Study of Price Controlled Bulk Drugs

3883. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of price controlled bulk drugs under DPCO, 1987 whose cost study is still to be done by BICP ;

(b) what are the reasons for delay ;

(c) what are the prices of bulk drugs on which present formulation prices are based ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the formulators have based their formulation prices at least two to three times the price at which bulk drug is available in the market ;

(e) what are the names of producers of bulk drugs for which cost study is to be made ; and

(f) what are the names of bulk drugs whose cost study was done during last three years, the price fixed for each drug and at what price earlier prices of formulations were fixed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a), (b) and (e) Cost-*cum*-technical studies for 22 bulk drugs are yet to be completed by BICP. The list of these drugs, alongwith manufacturers, is as in the statement attached at Statement I (*See* below). BICP has reported that the main reason for delay in finalising the studies is non-cooperation from the manufacturers in submitting the requisite information.

(c) and (d) Pending detailed cost-*cum*-technical studies of these bulk drugs by BICP, prices of some bulk drugs have been notified on the basis of available data and for some other bulk drugs, prices have been adopted on interim basis for fixing the prices of formulations of these bulk drugs.

(f) The prices fixed for different bulk drugs during the last three years on the basis of cost studies were notified in the official Gazette from time to time.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Name of the Manufacturers
1.	Griseofulvin	M/s Glaxo.
2.	Chlorpromazine	M/s Rhone Poulence, Keprim Labs,, Panchsheel Organics, Raj Laxmi Chemicals.
3.	Cimetidine	M/s Cadila, Eskaye, Franco India, Gauri Fine Chemicals.
4.	Diphenoxylate	M/s Searl.
5.	Glipizide	M/s U. S. Vitamins.
6.	Hydralazine	M/s Ambalal Sarabhai, Hindustan Ciba Geigy.
7.	Imipramine	M/s S. G. Pharmaceuticals Panchsheel Organics, R. L. Fine Chemicals, Swati Chemicals, Resonance Labs.
8.	Isosorbide Dinitrate	M/s Astra IDL, Nits Labs.
9.	Loperamide	M/s Rallis India, Avik Pharma, Lanz Labs.
10.	Metochlorpramide	M/s IPCA, INFAR & Sunita and Astra IDL.
11.	Metoprolol	M/s Cipla, Lupin, Meridien Pharma Torrent, Astra IDL, Hexagone.
12.	Nalidixic Acid	M/s Ranbaxy, Umedica Labs.
13.	Naproxen	M/s Rallis India, Searl India, Gufflic, Peffco.
14.	Povidone Iodine	M/s Wockhardt.